

**INTERMITTENT, LOW BANDWIDTH, WIRELESS DATA NETWORK  
AND METHOD OF OPERATION THEREOF**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

For use in a wireless voice network, an alarm system and  
5 method of operation thereof. In one embodiment, the alarm system  
includes: (1) a local transceiver that, in response to a received  
stimulus, establishes an out-of-band wireless link of diminished  
bandwidth to a wireless central monitoring station in the wireless  
voice network and (2) a local controller, coupled to the  
transceiver for bidirectional communication therewith, that  
receives commands from the wireless central monitoring station via  
the wireless link.